

Case 8308

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of :
Paul J. Rennie et al. :
Serial No.: 09/692,634 : Group Art Unit: 1617
Filed: October 19, 2000 : Examiner: S. Sharareh
Title: Compositions for Prevention and
Treatment of Cold and Influenza-like
Symptoms and Their Methods of Use :

10/9/02
Bugs

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the June 27, 2002 Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the accompanying remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

✓ Please amend Claims 1, 7, and 27 to recite the following: ✓

but c1
B1
Claim 1. (Amended) A nasal composition for prevention and treatment of cold and influenza viruses comprising pyroglutamic acid and an organic acid having a dissociation constant (pKa) value from about 3.0 to about 5.0 wherein the combination of said pyroglutamic and organic acids provides a surface pH of the nasal cavity tissue from about 3.5 to about 5.5.

B2
Claim 7. (Amended) The composition according to claim 6 wherein the mucoadhesive agent is selected from the group consisting of carboxypolymethylene, carboxyvinyl polymers, homopolymers of acrylic acid crosslinked with an allyl ether of pentaerythritol, homopolymers of acrylic acid crosslinked with an allyl ether of sucrose, homopolymers of acrylic acid crosslinked with divinyl glycol, and mixtures thereof.

B3
Claim 27. (Amended) The composition according to claim 26 wherein the mucoadhesive agent is selected from the group consisting of carboxypolymethylene, carboxyvinyl polymers, homopolymers of acrylic acid crosslinked with an allyl ether of pentaerythritol, homopolymers of acrylic acid crosslinked with an allyl ether of sucrose, homopolymers of acrylic acid crosslinked with divinyl glycol, and mixtures thereof.